

REMARKS

The present invention is a communication unit, a method and a cover part with a communication unit including a cover part which is removable from a remainder of the communication unit as illustrated in Figs. 1, 2 and 4-10. The remainder of the communication unit includes a cavity as illustrated for example in Figs. 4-10 containing internal parts of the communication unit including a display 43 which displays information to a user during use of the communication unit which are not accessible to the user during use. A picture holder such as plastic film 30 or insert 46 holds a picture and holds the picture inside the cavity for viewing through the cover part by the user during use of the communication unit. During use of the communication unit, the cover part is not removed and the cavity is closed. This permits personalization of a communication unit such as a mobile phone by removing or changing a cover part to attach a picture in a cavity of the phone. In a first embodiment of the invention, the picture holder is carried by the cover part as illustrated in Figs. 4-7 and in the second embodiment the picture holder is associated with the display device of the communication unit as illustrated in Figs. 9-11.

Claims 19, 20, 35-37, 42 and 43 stand rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by GB 2325371 (Nils). This ground rejection is traversed with respect to independent claims 19, 35-37 and 43 for the following reasons.

Independent claim 19 recites a communication unit, independent claims 35 and 36 recite a method, independent claim 37 recites a cover part and independent claim 43 recites a method which substantively include a cover part which is removable from a remainder of the communication unit. The remainder of the

communication unit includes a cavity containing internal parts of the communication unit including a display which displays information to a user during use of the communication unit which are not accessible to the user during use, a picture holder releasably holds a picture and holds the picture inside the cavity for viewing through the cover part by the user during use of the communication unit and wherein during use of the communication unit, the cover part is not removed and the cavity is closed. This subject matter has no counterpart in Nils.

Nils discloses a conventional mobile telephone which includes a cover flap pivotally attached to an outer shell by means of a hinge. See page 8, lines 23-27. Various embodiments of Nils disclose that it is useful to mount a sticker 17 as illustrated in Figs. 2A and 2B, a card 19 made of plastic as illustrated in Fig. 3, a credit card 22 as illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5, an information surface attachable to pivoted flap section 26 or within recess 28 as illustrated in Fig. 6 and information within a drawer 30 as illustrated in Fig. 7. However, the aforementioned displays do not have an internal cavity as claimed including the display and picture holder as recited in each of the independent claims.

There is no basis in the record why a person of ordinary skill in the art would be led to modify the teachings of Nils to arrive at the claimed subject matter since the cover flap of Nils is not disclosed as having any function regarding internal parts of the telephone including a display. It would not be obvious to provide a cavity therein containing internal parts of the communication unit including a display which displays information to a user during use of the communication unit which are nonaccessible to the user during use and a picture holder as recited in the claims.

Moreover, during use of the telephone, the cover part of Nils is removed from time to time which the independent claims exclude.

Furthermore, dependent claims 20 and 42 respectively limit claims 19 and 37 in a manner which is not anticipated by Nils.

Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Nils in view of U.S. Patent 5,664,013 (Rossi). Rossi illustrates in Fig. 2 the attachment of slips of paper to the back of a cellular telephone which is attached to the external surface thereof. This teaching does not have anything to do with the placement of the claimed picture holder within the cavity as recited in the claims. Accordingly, it is submitted that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to combine the subject matter of Rossi with Nils to arrive at the subject matter of claim 21 since there is no teaching regarding the claimed internally deployed picture holder within the cavity.

Claims 22-25, 28-31, 38, 39 and 41 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Nils in view of U.S. Patent 5,619,814 (Herndobler). Herndobler has been cited for a teaching of an adhesive strip in the middle part of slab 31. However, Herndobler does not cure the deficiencies noted above with respect to Nils.

Claims 26, 27 and 40 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Nils and Herndobler in view of U.S. Patent 3,921,322 (Sharp). Sharp has been cited for "small stickers placed in all four corners of the picture". Sharp does not cure the deficiencies noted above with respect to Nils and Herndobler.

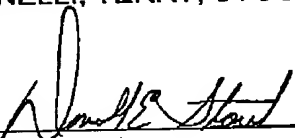
Claims 32-34 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Nils in view of U.S. Patent 4,405,219 (Yasuda et al.). Yasuda et al. has been cited as teaching a holder associated with a display assembly for displaying text and numbers to the user. However, Yasuda et al. does not cure the deficiencies noted above with respect to Nils.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the claims in the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (1030.38905X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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